

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

February 12, 2013

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on February 12, 2013. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Maurice Redmond, Jimmy Allgood, Bodine Sinyard and Laurie Padgett.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Mr. Allgood seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. The Commission discussed the *SPCC Policy 13-01* recertification course attendance verification requirement for distance learning. The required procedure for applicators participating in distance learning education is to read and agree to the fraud statement before taking a course. The Commission agreed to place the fraud statement at the top of the attendance verification training form in lieu of electronic verification.
- F. Mr. Gorecki discussed the *Pesticide Methods of Application Guidance Policy 11-1* and the broadcast method. He suggested that the different types of formulations be listed for the broadcast method. The Commission also discussed adding additional sites to the exterior site key for specific areas to assist with pesticide use recording keeping for pyrethroid products. Adding "Paved Parking Area" and "Sidewalks" to the exterior site key was also discussed. The Commission agreed to finalize changes at the March meeting.
- G. Mrs. Potter-Keenan discussed the procedures and requirements for amending the Rules of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act. She stated that there are two places in the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act that rule changes are allowed. O.C.G.A. 45-43-8, which states in part that the Commission can make reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to protect the interest, health and safety of the public. O.C.G.A. 43-45-16 allows the Commissioner and the Commission to revise rules concerning certification of operators through section 4 of FIFRA. Under O.C.G.A. 50-13-4, the processes to changing a rule: a state agency has to give at least a 30 day notice of a rule change. The notice must include the current rule and the amended rule, statement of appeal, and explanation of the rule change. If there is a rule change, the Commission is required to hold a public hearing. After the public hearing and the Commission considers all comments, the Commission will certify the proposed rule changes. The rule change is lastly sent to the secretary of State's office. Twenty days following the submission, the rule becomes effective.
- H. Mr. Skaggs provided a legislative update concerning the Department. The Department is currently seeking to repeal laws that are no longer enforced. He also noted the Department's goal to establish a commodity commission for the Georgia Grown program.

- I. Mr. Lastinger mentioned the date of the Commissioner's strategic planning group meeting as being March 5th. Also the Structural Pest Control technical group is currently putting together a progress report to present in a technical group meeting proposed for April 5th. He also announced the location of March's Commission meeting. The meeting will be held at the University of Georgia's Student Learning Center in Griffin, Georgia at 9:30 AM. A public notice will be posted on the website for further details. Lastly, he gave a report on the recent Georgia Clean day that occurred in Wilkes County on January 30th. The event was successful in collecting over 18,000 pounds of liquid pesticides and over 8,000 pounds of solid pesticides. The next Clean Day will be February 13th in Pierce County.
- J. Mr. Lastinger and Mr. Allgood reported on the UGA activities in Dr. Forschler's absence. Mr. Lastinger updated the Commission on UGA's progress in fulfilling the IPM/Pesticide Coordinator Position. The position's responsibilities have been revised to include blueberry pest. Interviews for candidates will start in March. Mr. Allgood reported on a summary from Dr. Forschler concerning increasing the required recertification training hours. Dr. Forschler notes that the current 8 hours required for registered employees equates to five minutes a week per certification category. Dr. Forschler reiterated the importance of PMP's obtaining tools and knowledge that are gained through training. Mr. Gorecki noted that when Dr. Forschler returns for the next meeting the topic concerning training hours will be discussed further.
- K. Mr. Lastinger discussed a compliance assistance training program that field staff have developed called a Compliance Assistance Module (CAM). This program includes a 15 minute training segment that is scheduled and provided during a routine company inspection by the district inspector. The CAM is focused on a specific compliance topic and the pilot focused on record keeping requirements. The pilot project is a Department effort to "Educate as We Regulate" initiative to improve compliance.
- L. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that EPA has issued A Notice of Warning for Sale and Distribution of an Unregistered Pesticide for distributing a pesticide named Supreme Plus Cellulose Insulation. The Structural Pest Control Act prohibits the application of unregistered products.
- M. Mr. Bell discussed the work of ASPCRO and NPMA's with US EPA to allow additional exceptions on pyrethroid uses. Labels will soon be amended to allow the use of pyrethroids on exterior structural surfaces when applied over a horizontal pervious surface to treat for congregating and overwintering pests.
- N. Mr. Taylor provided a reminder that all currently approved recertification courses must meet all of the new requirements *in SPCC Policy 13-01* by July 1, 2013.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

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Open – Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

- a. SPCC Policy 13-01 Recertification Course Requirements and fraud statement requirement - Lastinger
- b. Methods of Application discussion
- c. Specific Areas Treated discussion

New Business

- a. New Companies Review
- b. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. 2013 Rule Changes – C Gorecki
- e. Rule Change Procedure – Cora Potter-Keenan
- f. Department of Agriculture
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
 - Renewal Update – Tim Taylor
 - Georgia Clean Day – TBD
- g. National Issues Updates – Mr. Richard Bell – (Chairman NPMA Government Affairs Committee)

Adjournment

THE GEORGIA
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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- HEWETT PEST CONTROL, Adel
- NATURE GUARD, Norcross
- KNOX PEST CONTROL, Savannah

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information.

- CITIZEN SERVICES, Braselton (pending Insurance)
- KIRKLAND'S PEST CONTROL LLC, Woodstock (pending insurance and a certified operator.
- PEST GUARD, Locust Grove (pending insurance and name change)
- UNITED PEST CONTROL, Norcross (pending insurance)
- BULLSEYE HOME SOLUTIONS, Acworth (pending insurance)
- KING & I A PEST CONTROL COMPANY, Acworth (pending name change)
- ENVIROSURE STRETEGIC PEST MANAGEMENT (pending name change and receipt of insurance)

The Commission reviewed the following application for a Company License:

- G&G EXTERMINATING SERVICE, Douglasville.

The Commission approved the following request for name change.

BUZZCUTZ Lawn & Pest #100012 [P.J.'S LAWN & PEST MANAGEMENT]
GREENHOUSE PEST MANAGEMENT #99771 [GRASSHOUSE TERMITE & PEST]

The Commission DENIED the following request for name change.

PIONEER PEST CONTROL #96003 [GREEN PLANET PEST MANAGEMENT]